

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Monday, January 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, December 21, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that the security key pads at the station are not working and will need to be fixed. He is working on his phone system repairs. Run totals were up for 2009. Billing side was up due to runs and collections. He will be working on the department's ISO rating and Fire Station plans for the year.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that last week Officer Joe Nies passed all his pre-testing at the academy and this is his first full day. The new cars are in and one has been delivered. Everything is running smooth at the Police Department.

Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that this is the first time in a long time that the Christmas lights stayed working pretty much by themselves this holiday season. The fence has been completed at Jordan Park.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that everything is staying together with just a few problems. They have had a few frozen meters, but this is normal for this time of year. The Tornado Memorial is on hold due to the weather.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that it is normal at his department. Stuff is still flowing and they are in good shape.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that it is winter time. They are picking up Christmas trees. The new front end loader was delivered last week. Everything is going well and they have plenty of supplies to get through the winter. Mayor Thompson thanked Doug and his department for the downtown Christmas lights. There have been many compliments on the downtown lights this holiday season.

Committee Reports

Mayor Thompson stated that he has made contact with Rensselaer Monument today. They are the ones who engraved the previous Tornado Memorial bricks. They will also do the bricks now being sold. He met with Leslie Goss, White County Community Foundation, and they will be a run through agency for the Tornado project. The statute for the Tornado Memorial is completed. The clock face is done, but not painted. Everyone needs to buy bricks.

Election of Council President and Department Head Liaisons

The Council elected the new President for the 2010 calendar year. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to elect Council Member Jim Mann as president for 2010, seconded by Council Member Dave Kelly. Four ayes, Jim Mann abstained, motion carried. Department Head liaisons are:

Parks - Council Member Grace Oilar
Police - Council Member Eric Storm

Street - Council Member Bill Smith
Fire - Council Member Dave Kelly

Consideration of 2009 Banner Royalties – Street Department

Mayor Thompson stated that the Chamber and the City would hire out the banners hanging downtown. This year the Street Department hung the banners and will maintain them. The Mayor would like to see the Street Department receive the proceeds from the banner sells for their department. The City's amount of the proceeds is \$2,900.00. Council Member Bill Smith made the motion to give the Street Department's MVH fund the \$2,900.00 from the banner proceeds, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion of CEDIT Resolution – Amending Projects

Mayor Thompson stated that the CEDIT Resolution was last updated in 2006. According to City Attorney George Loy it should be updated every three years. The Council needs to determine projects they want to have on the amended Resolution. Council Member Jim Mann has a list of the Council's project recommendations. They are the completion of the National Homes project, expansion of the TIF district on the north end, expansion of recycling with roll off units, East Ohio Street project, Western Heights annexation, modernization and expansion of the Fire Station, update City website, North Main from where the Railroad goes North to the split and also North Illinois for blacktop and curbs, funding for downtown revitalization, Park development projects including trails, extension of West Washington Street to Wal-Mart, CSO projects, Ninth Street Project, and funding for White County Economic Development. Council Member Jim Mann made the motion to authorize City Attorney George Loy to pursue updating the existing Resolution with the list of projects discussed above, seconded by Council Member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance 2010-01; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Monticello, Indiana, Establishing Procedures For Handling and Disposal of Solid Waste and Yard Waste in the City of Monticello

Mayor Thompson stated that Street Superintendent Doug Roberts and his men and Indiana Waste are handing out the new toters, which each had a copy of this proposed Ordinance. The Mayor has received several calls about the Ordinance and there needs to be a few changes. Some changes are in the compost, mulch piles, and burning for heat areas. There needs to be fines established for violation of this Ordinance. Indiana Waste Systems is responsible for maintaining the toters and the property owner is responsible keeping it clean. It is unclear for some residents where to place the toters. After much discussion, City Attorney George Loy will have a revised Ordinance next meeting.

Mayor Jason Thompson introduced Connie Neining, White County Economic Development director. She stated that the Board has been working on a Strategic Plan for 2009. They want to make sure everyone is aware of what goes on with the Economic Development organization. They have developed a communication plan. One aspect of this plan is to have a board member come to City and Town Council meetings, and County Commissioners meetings, to make sure they have a presence on a more regular basis. This is an opportunity for them to tell us what is

going on in the County and will let the Council ask questions of them. This will keep the lines of communication more open between the Economic Development organization and the elected officials across the County. She thanked the Mayor for all his guidance and support of the past few years as a Board member. Connie has worked hard on the windmills being put up in White County. These windmills will help to double the assessed valuation in White County. She explained the wind turbines, the five phases to complete the project, and revenues they will generate for the County. This is a very exciting project for the County.

Ken Kersey addressed his concern for the handicapped parking in the City.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer